

New York State Bar Association

Environmental and Energy Law Section Fall Meeting 2026

Changing seasons, changed approaches to environmental and energy law issues

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

Start – End Time

4.0 MCLE Credits

4.0 Credits Areas of Professional Practice

This program is transitional and is suitable for all attorneys including those newly admitted.

Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 8:35 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

Steve Russo, Esq.

Environmental and Energy Law Section Chair
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
New York, New York

8:35 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.

Real World Impacts of Recent SEQRA Amendments

It is not every day that SEQRA, first enacted in 1975, gets amended. This panel will discuss the impetus to making changes adopted as part of the 2025-26 process and what it will mean for environmental reviews going forward.

Moderator:

Steve Russo, Esq.

Environmental and Energy Law Section Chair
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
New York, New York

Speaker(s):

Anthony Luisi, Esq.

Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Albany, New York

Jessica Goldstein, Esq.

Assistant Counsel to the Governor
State of New York
New York, New York

Peter Feroe

Senior Vice President Planning Land Development
AKRF
New York, New York

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9:25 a.m. – 9:35 a.m.

Break

9:35 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

**When Environmental Claims Become
Constitutional: New York's Green Amendment
and the Next Wave of Litigation**

As New York's Green Amendment reshapes the environmental litigation landscape, this panel explores how constitutional claims are transforming disputes over emissions, odors, and alleged facility impacts—and what regulated entities can do to manage the emerging risks.

Moderator:

Daniel M. Krainin, Esq.

Principal
Beveridge & Diamond, PC
New York, New York

Speaker(s):

Katrina Krebs, Esq.

Principal
Beveridge & Diamond
New York, New York

Kacy Manahan, Esq.

Senior Attorney
Delaware Riverkeeper
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

TBD

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10:25 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.

Break

10:35 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.

Meeting the Evolving Due Diligence Challenge of PFAS and the Forever Chemicals

Moderator:

John Parker, Esq.

Lead, Environmental, Energy, Resources Practice
Gorup
Sahn Ward Braff Coschignano, PLLC
New York, New York

Speaker(s):

Dylan Eberle, PhD, PG, CPG

Senior Geologist
Geosyntec Consultants
Boston, Massachusetts

Julia Quigley, Esq.

Of Counsel
Greenberg Traurig, LLP
New York, New York

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11:35 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.

CLCPA – Where do we go from here?

This panel will cover the new CLCPA amendments, administrative/regulatory next steps, and what work is going on now to meet the deadlines.

Moderator:

Karen Mintzer, Esq.

Partner
Mintzer Mauch PLLC
New York, New York

Speaker(s):

Jon Binder, Esq.
Executive Director
Model Climate Laws Initiative
Sabin Center for Climate Change Law
Albany, New York

Christopher Rizzo, Esq.
Partner, Director, Environmental Practice Group
Carter Ledyard
New York, New York

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12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Lunch & Networking

Adjournment